



Dwiving While Dwowsy

Want to hear a story? This car is driving down the street when suddenly another car cuts in front of it, forcing the driver to make a drastic move that splats the shiny red tomato into the trunk of an oak. Logical explanation, right?

Had me hooked, too. That is until the driver mentioned to the EMT that she was on two medications at the time: Tylenol w/Codeine and Valium. Now I'm not saying she fell asleep at the wheel...after all, that surely wasn't mentioned in the story. But maybe, just maybe the effects of two very potent medications had a role in the premature termination of this person's trip home.

Let's get real...there is a reason they put those big, red, bold-face stickers on your prescription bottles telling you to not drive or operate machinery while on that medicine. A driver that is sleepy and disoriented because of medication is just as dangerous as a person who chugs a six pack of beer before hitting the road. By the way, the UI in DUI stands for "Under the Influence" of alcohol or drugs...so if you do medicate yourself and drive, you're DUI.